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The History of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

BY A. M. MUIRHEAD.

If I offend anyone in this history my apology is hereby tendered before I start. We have had a somewhat eventful time, and perhaps some old animosities are not dead yet.

ORGANIZATION.

When I commenced the publication of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* in 1893, the C. P. A. was on its last legs, and the P. S. of C. had been dead and buried. It was, therefore, a very opportune time for the formation of a new national society, but the progress at first was slow. In No. 1 of the *C. P. M.* there appeared a little note inviting correspondence with a view to completing organization, and formally founding the proposed new society. Still, references to the comatose condition of the C. P. A. were resented by the few members who were at heart loyal to that society, and on our commenting on its condition, its President, Capt. Wurtele, wrote correcting my statements, and informing me that the C. P. A. was in sound condition. Accepting his correction, I made the *amende honourable* in the next number, but subsequent events have reversed that decision. Among the two or three who wrote me in answer to my appeal was Mr. L. S. Graham, of Merriton, Ontario, who communicated with me several times by post card in reference to organization. Other early members who took the trouble to write me a line were W. T. M. McKinnon, then publisher of the *Nova Scotia Philatelist*, of Amherst, and W. S. Weatherston, the well known philatelist, then of Toronto, now of New York. It was intended at first to limit membership to Canada, but "second thoughts" prevailed. All those who had written me encouraging letters, or offered their support, dropped off. L. S. Graham did not take the trouble to answer letters (principally, I think, because I was soliciting his dues) and things looked rather blue. Then came a letter from W. S. Weatherston making application for membership, enclosing his initiation fee, and promising his best support. Mr. Weatherston was as good as his word, and about a dozen applications come through Mr. Weatherston during the next month. The D. P. A. owes much to Mr. Weatherston, for though not the actual founder, he was the first real worker we had, the first man to put his shoulder to the wheel and work that the Association might prosper.

I have been using the name D. P. A., but the first name we had was the "Canadian Sons of Philatelia." It

was not until September, 1894, that the name "Dominion Philatelic Association" was proposed, and met with unanimous choice. The credit for inventing our name is a subject concerning which some preposterous claims have been made. From a letter to me by a mutual friend of Mr. L. S. Graham and myself, I take the following extract :

"Mr. Graham, as you know, was along with you as one of the organizers of the D. P. A., and he gave it its name ..."

With no other object than giving honor where it is due, I append a letter I received from Mr. Weatherston regarding this, which I think settles the matter. I append the letter in full :

TORONTO, CANADA, *Sept. 3rd*, 1894.

Dear Muirhead,—Yours received. The collectors of the city are not in favour of the name, "Can. Sons of Phil.," for a society. In fact they intended to organize a branch here of the P. S. of A. Crashly, Barnes, Athers, and myself have decided on the "Dominion Phil. Assoc." This, I think, is a splendid name. Dues, 25c. initiation fee, 10c. I will send the *C. P. M.* free to each member, and the Assoc. will pay me 10c. for each member.

We would think it rather out of place to hold a convention with only about 12 members! I think we could decide things among ourselves. How about the following for officers :

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Mtl. Purch'ng Agt.——— ———
Toronto do. .——— ———
Attorney .....R. W. HANNINGTON, Dorchester, N B
Trustees ..... WEATHERSTON, BARNES, and CRASHLY.

I don't know who we could have for President and Vice-President. You might write R. W. Hannington, Dorchester, N. B He might accept. How about you for President or Vice-President? Crashly would make a good Secretary, as he is quite a favorite here. He is about 18 years of age. If Crashly is elected Secretary, Toronto will have at least 30 members by December, as he is a regular pusher. Edwards will be able to secure us a Montreal Purchasing Agent. The Trustees will see about getting application blanks printed, etc.

Write soon. Success to the D. P. A.!

Yours very truly,

(Signed,) W S. WEATHERSTON.

Our progress during the next few months was rapid. Weatherston had purchased the *C P. M.* from me, and had spared no expense to improve the paper and boom the D. P. A. In October, having failed to get a good President, I was elevated to that position with all the pomp and ceremony that usually is concomitant to an election of a president. Then we suffered a great blow in the form of the temporary death of the *C. P. M.* in November, 1894. Shortly after the appearance of the November number, a deal took place in the shape of amalgamation with a would-be international society called the "International Stamp Exchange," composed of Toronto dealers and collectors. Mr. Weatherston, who was foremost in engineering this deal, put a very favorable light on it in a letter to me, and I was led to believe the amalgamation would be beneficial, and wrote Weatherston that so far as I was personally concerned, I was in favour of the proposal. Shortly after a letter came from Mr. W. G. Crashly (then Secretary) protesting against the proposed union, which he feared meant the practical extinction of the D P. A. It was, however, too late to draw back, and the *C. P. M.* (which had been revived under E. J. Phillips and S. E.

Weldon), in its January, 1895, issue, contained a plan of union, increasing the dues to 50 cents, a new slate of officers, and other alterations. The *C. P. M.* then died again for a month, and when it again appeared in March, the union was declared accomplished. The true inwardness of this job, I never learned, but it is significant that Mr. Crashly, who protested against it in the interest of the D. P. A., was no longer an officer after the deal had been closed. Mr. Weatherston succeeded Crashly as Secretary, and once more the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* ceased to exist. After a suspension of four months, Mr. W. R. Adams undertook its publication, and has continued it to the present day without a break.

LATER HISTORY.

When the *C. P. M.* was revived under Mr. Adams, in August, 1895, the old dues of 25 cents had been re-adopted, and the Association ambled along under the Presidency of Mr. E. J. Phillips. The progress was slow and interest in the Association seemed dying out, and in October, 1895, Mr. Weatherston resigned the Secretaryship. In November, I. E. Patterson assumed the office of Secretary, and a wiser choice could not have been made. He found the Association in debt, no interest being taken, and a large percentage of deadwood Since then to August, 1896, he has slowly but surely improved our condition, and dropped those who would not pay dues, leaving the Association at the close of his term of office, many times better than when he commenced. His fearlessnees in dropping those would-be prominent members who would not pay dues, of course made him a few enemies, but he is repaid by the gratitude of the members at large.

The proposal now is amalgamation with the Canadian Philatelic Association, and a committee of three has been appointed by the trustees to receive proposals and negotiate. The committee will probably report in January.

THE D. P. A. IN 1897.

The word for '97 is work; the enthusiasm among the workers is red hot. If I were here to preach a sermon, I would take the following extract from a letter to me from R. G. Whiddicombe, Chairman of Trustees, as a text:

"We want her to FLY into prominence this year."

We have waited long enough, and should now go to work to make '97 our banner year. We can accomplish nothing if we do not work, but if we put forth our fullest effort, there is *nothing* we cannot accomplish.

WE present herewith a cut of Mr. E. J. H Pauley, well known as one of the most prominent dealers in Halifax. Mr. Pauley is a young man of about thirty years, and has had a large experience in the stamp business. Mr. Pauley does not rely wholly on his stamp business for a living, but does, we believe, a large business in mining stocks at 44 Sackville Street, where he is always to be found by visitors to the city, ready to talk stocks or stamps as may be required.

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EDITORIAL.

WHEN a new venture such as the present is sprung upon the philatelic public, it becomes incumbent on the editor thereof to arise and say something about a long felt want. We will risk the anger of the conventional by doing no such thing. We are not in the long-felt want filling business. We are here to put out a readable and reliable paper at a small cost, and while we have no conscientious objections to long-felt wants, we don't allow contemplation of the same to disturb our nightly slumbers. Some of our readers may remember the editor of this paper in connection with his former publication, *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, and we trust all our old friends will renew acquaintance, and that new friends may be many in number.

NOW we want to say a few words about the Dominion Philatelic Association. Any collector in Canada who is not a member of the D P A. should consider himself recreant to his duty. This Association is now a recognized power, and will increase in power and usefulness as the years roll by. During the four years of its life it has had a somewhat spasmodic growth, but we now look forward to a continued period of prosperity, and we would strongly recommend our readers to join the D. P. A, and thereby be on the right side of a great popular movement.

MR. R. G. WIDDICOMBE, of St. Catherine's, Ontario, has favored us with a copy of his "Stamp Collectors' Hand-book and Directory of Ontario" This little booklet is a model of all that is excellent in respect to typography and general appearance, and we regard it as a most creditible production. A fine half-tone of MR. PATTERSON, ex-Secretary of the D. P. A, adorns the third page, and a directory of active collectors in the Province of Ontario occupies the rest of the book. Although small, it is very neat, and we think few persons realize the amount of labor the compilation of a directory entails

WE aim to place our readers in possession of the news before any other paper gets hold of it. Being in correspondence with the principal headquarters of philatelic happenings we hope to be successful in our aim. Exclusive reports will be our delight, and the telegraph wires will be called in requisition when necessary.

THE new paper, *Stamps*, put out by a grand monster aggregation of dealers of fabulous wealth and importance has

appeared. The first number is a dismal failure; a fine example of a mountain labouring with the well-known result. It is intended to be widely circulated for the purpose of interesting young people in philately. As it is, the paper would be a pleasing change for any young collector who has for the moment tired of stamps and desires to study geography, zoology and biography.

Wanted—A Canadian Issue.

"I am happy to be able to make the statement that the basis and aims of our ideas and hopes as Liberals are that we are before all and above all Canadians: Canadians at Quebec, Canadians at Toronto, and Canadians from the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the famous mountains whose feet are kissed by the waves of the Pacific."—*Hon. Wilfred Laurier.*

The proposition is simply this, that a pigmy issue of postage stamps has been imposed upon us every year since 1870 without intermission, that we are sick and tired of that issue, and that therefore a new series of some civilized design and more in keeping with the progress we have made in every branch of industry and human endeavor, be prepared by the Post-Master General of the Dominion. Since the inception of the present issue, almost every country under the sun has changed its postal issues. Australia, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Cape Colony, and the motherland herself, have all had many changes, but Canada has crawled along in the same old rut in regard to this matter.

We in Canada are beginning to feel ourselves as a nation, and it is fitting that our stamps should bear some national emblem, something to show that Canada is not a mere settlement of about 150 souls, but a country of almost boundless extent and capabilities, with a population of nearly six million. Perhaps the prettiest stamp ever issued in Canada was the 5 cent "beaver," and a set of stamps fashioned somewhat after this design would be a tremendous improvement over our present stamps. A couple of years ago the Government got out a 2 cent envelope, and the praise that greeted its appearance was well merited, for it is a pretty stamp. The beaver surmounting the design, and the maple leaves at the sides, are the things that constitute its beauty. We have a right to expect artistic postage of our Government, and it is a sorry state of affairs when, instead of progressing forward, we *progress backward*, as the stamps used by Nova Scotia and New Brunswick before confederation were much more artistic, and of vastly finer workmanship than those in use at the present day.

Not one of Canada's great men, men whom in honoring the people would themselves honor, has ever had acknowledgement of their greatness on our stamps. Across the border, Lincoln, Washington, Franklyn, Garfield, Grant, and a hoste of lesser lights, have appeared on the postage stamps. In Canada we have on our stamps no portraits of Joseph Howe, Sir John A. MacDonald, Alexander MacKenzie, or Sir John Thompson. No wonder they think we are governed by an assortment of Lords, Dukes, and other creatures sent out to rule us by the Queen.

In far off Australia, the stamps contain pictures of native animals and birds, and other things peculiar to Australia. No wonder Australians think Canada is a barren land of ice and snow, where animal life is almost, if not entirely, confined to polar bears.

Surely the hight of artistic ambition in Canada was not reached when some person in the employ of the Government drew a circle with a Queen's head inside, with "Canada postage" above and "3 cents 3" below.

The Nova Scotia Remainders.

Some inside facts, showing who reaped the benefit of them.

BY A HALIFAX COLLECTOR.

There appears to be a belief existing abroad that Nova Scotia is so poor that the selling of remainders of the old stamps had to be resorted to in order to raise revenue. This is a mistake. The real facts in regard to the recent "find" of Nova Scotia, 1860, remainders are as follows:

After Nova Scotia had entered the confederation, if was discovered that the sum of $20,000 was due the Dominion Government, so Nova Scotia handed over the remainders of the 1860 issue, the Dominion Government accepting them as collateral. The stamps, some 200,000 in all, were put away, and in fact almost forgetten.

But a certain Halifax collector, whose name it is not necessary to mention, knew they were there, and for some years past had been trying to locate them, with the result that he was in the end successful.

This Halifax collector, and certain other parties whom he had associated with him, then made a proposal to the Dominion Government that they would pay the $20,000 and take the stamps, which proposal was accepted and the stamps changed hands. The Nova Scotia Government made nothing out of the transaction, and the Dominion Government sold only at the request of the parties purchasing.

Wanted: A New Department in the D. P. A.

BY A. M. MUIRHEAD.

The interest in collecting philatelic literature has lately received such an impetus that it is now hardly second to that taken in the stamps themselves. Two or more papers are now published *exclusively* in this interest, and a large and flourishing society has been formed among its devotees. Our suggestion therefore is, and we urge it most strongly, that a department devoted to the purchase, sale and exchange of philatelic literature, be added to the Dominion Philatelic Association. The number of literature collectars is large, and the number is rapidly increasing, and no harm can possibly come to the D. P. A. by increasing its sphere of usefulness. If the proposed new department cannot be added to the Association, then in all probability the spring will see the formation of a new society devoted exclusively to philatelic literature. This would be a waste of effort. We trust that the Trustees of the D. P. A. will see that steps are taken to form the new department. Should a live, thoroughly efficient department be realized, we can confidently look to a great increase in membership, and the consequent enhanced prestage thereby gained will, I think, commend to every member the advisability of forming the department referred to.

The proposed department need add but one officer to the present board, that is to say, a Superintendant of Literary Exchange, whose duty it would be to receive lists from the members for the purpose of sale or exchange. It is pretty safe to say that the new department would be liberally supported by

those interested, and their number is greater than might be supposed. There is no reason why the department should not be self-sustaining, and therefore no drain on the Association's revenues, if commonsense economy is observed.

D. P. A. NEWS.

The Library is now "coming up," and we hope soon to have a respectable sized collection of papers.

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The Committee of Amalgamation is now ready to report. It is feared that on account of divergent aims and ideas of the D. P. A. and C. P. A., amalgamation will go by the board.

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The *Ontario Philatelist*, published by Mr. W. A. Beatty, of St. Catherines, Ont., is now the official organ of our Association. The change in organship is said to have occurred through the desire on the part of Secretary Adams to economise. The publisher of the *C. P. M.* was supplying the paper at 12 cents per member, and was kicking for a larger allowance, so Mr. Beatty was induced to accept the official organship at 10 cents per annum. The official organship at 10 cents is an act of philanthropy.

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Among the new ideas that will be embodied in the new constitution now in course of preparation by the trustees, is a measure giving direct legislation to the members. This measure places the running of the Association entirely in the members' hands; that is, any member has the privilege of proposing any new measure or amendment to any existing act, and the members accept or reject all proposals by a post card vote. This was the principal plank in the platform of the progressive party of the D. P. A., that came into existence during the summer. The convention (a farce right through) elected a coalition board of officers, but the "progressives" seem to have got there although the convention threw down their foremost candidates.

The news that the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* had resigned the official organship came with a paralizing suddeness. Mr. W. R. Adams, in his usual laconic way, announced the change in half a dozen words, saying nothing than that he had resigned the office, and leaving the members to guess who would be his successor. Being anxious to have the news in advance, we wired the trustees, and in reply received the following: *Beatty has secured the official organ,*—and have since learned the true inwardness of the change as noted elsewhere. We notice the *C. P. M.* lately evinces a somewhat marked fondness for the Canadian Philatelic Association, now under course of reconstruction by Capt. Wurtele. Surely, Mr. Adams, you can't have any sinister designs in that direction?

LITERARY NOTES.

Stamp Lore and the *Canadian Philatelist* are now consolidated, under the name of the former. *Stamp Lore* is certainly a first-class paper, and should prove a valuable property in time. The number before us, No. 3, is dated November, and reminds us very much of the old *Canadian Philatelist*, both in general appearance and write-up. London, Ontario, appears to be a nest of philatelic publishers.

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And now someone promises to write a book entitled, "The Inside History of the late P. S. of A. Campaign," which, it is supposed, will be just a little sensational.

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Mr. H. C. Beardsley (no relation to Aubrey Beardsley) is a victim of the Directory mania so prevalent now. He will have a directory of almost every State in the Union, besides directories of societies, puplications, and what not. We dont know whether he makes any money out of the business, or whether it is merely a case of enlargement of the heart.

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New Brunswick is now represented by the *Philatelic Messenger*, under the management of Matthew R. Knight.

THE *Philatelic Advocate* comes to us from Berlin, Ont., published by Starnaman Brothers, and edited by Finlay Weaver, a member of the D. P. A.

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THE *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* (popularly known as the *C. P. M.*) presents a very pretty appearance from the outside, and if we had not read the contents before in the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*, it would be a very readable paper.

Oddities in U. S. Envelopes.

FOR the collector of U. S. envelopes there are at least eight distinct kinds of oddities, which I enumerate below:

1. Albinos, the stamp being devoid of color.

2. Partial albinoes, part of the stamp being in color and part not.

9. Two envelopes folded together, showing how albinos are made, the outer one receiving the colored impression and the inner one being an albino. Very rare.

4. Restriked, showing two impressions. Caused by being run twice through the press.

5. Albino on front, but colored on back. Extremely rare.

6. Two stamps impressed in correct colors on reverse, and linked together. Sterling's 5th variety. The rarest of the lot.

7. Misplacements. Stamp correct in color, but in wrong position on envelope.

8. Flaws in plate causing minor varieties of type.

This list does not include many little oddities and errors of gum, watermark and knife.

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Canada, 20 var	28
New Brunswick, 2, 5, 17c	17
Prince Edward Island, 8 var	1 10
Labuan, 1894, complete	50
Borneo, 9 var	30
Bavaria, return letter, 6 var	5
Sardinia, 6 var	4
Belgium Packet Post, 7 var	9
Wurtemberg, 8 var	10
Brazil, 15 varieties	25
Mexico, 15 var	20
Costa Rica, 6 var	10
Ecuador, 7 var	10
South Africa, 6 var	10
Japan, 10 var	6
Samoa, 8 var	10
Holland, 14 var	8
Great Britain, 10 var	8
Portugal, 12 var	10
Canada registered, 8 var	6
Packet, 100 different stamps	12
Hinges, 3000 for	20
Seychelles, 13 cent unused, cat. 35 cents	18
Gold Coast, 6d used	12

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